

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Office appears to assume that organogel means only a "liquid fatty component and a mixture of sterols." It is submitted that this is not all that one of ordinary skill, familiar with the present specification, would consider an organogel to comprise. On page 6, lines 22 through 25 of the present specification, it is stated that the "organogel of the invention has a firmness larger than that of the liquid fat when compared at the same temperature, normally room temperature." Therefore, one of ordinary skill would appreciate that the organogel has an enhanced firmness. This is also consistent with the discussion throughout the specification.

The Office points to no teaching in the Moreau et al. or Jandacek references of the enhanced firmness organogels of the present invention which comprise a liquid fatty component, at least one sterol and at least one sterol ester. Even less than is the invention recited in claim 14 suggested by the cited references.

Claim 10 has been amended to put it in proper form for U.S. prosecution by eliminating a "preferred" range.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **Version With Markings To Show Changes Made**.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

11. Composition according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of sterols and sterol esters is in the range of sterols and sterol esters is in the range of 1:5 to 5:1, ~~preferably in the range of 1:3 to 3:1, more preferred in an almost equal molar ratio.~~

Please add new claim 14 as follows:

14. A method for giving firmness to a liquid fat by the use of an organogel comprising a liquid fatty component, at least one sterol and at least one sterol ester.